

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 9TH, 1930

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on July 9th, 1930.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer

There appeared before the Board Mr. Samuel M. Shoemaker, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland; Mr. Wilson L. Smith, of Smith & May, Architects; and Mr. Huldreich Egli, Consulting Engineer, who presented to the Board for approval estimates received from contractors for the work of installing a new central heating plant at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Board discussed at length the proposals received for the underground steam distributing system, especially the fact that local contractors had not been invited to bid on the work at the time requests for proposals were originally issued, but who were invited to bid when new proposals were invited. When the proposals were opened it was found that none of the local contractors had submitted bids which were as low as bids received from out-of-State contractors. It was also found that the bid of the Northeastern Piping and Construction Company of North Tonawanda, Pennsylvania, the concern to whom it was recommended by the representatives of the University of Maryland that the work be given, had submitted a price slightly in excess of \$2,000 higher than that of the next bidder, the United District Heating, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Egli, the Consulting Engineer, stated that the Northeastern Piping and Construction Company was more experienced in doing the kind of work called for by the specifications, that it had done considerable work for the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, and that inquiry by him had developed the fact that a number of persons and concerns who were familiar with the kind of work done by these people had recommended them for the work to be done at College Park. The Board of Public Works requested Mr. Egli to furnish it with the originals of these recommendations or copies of them, and to also state in writing his reasons for recommending the Northeastern Power and Construction Company, after which the Board would give the matter further consideration. * (next page)

The Board authorized the making of a contract with Babcock & Wilcox Company for boilers, brick settings, soot blowers, etc., at their bid of \$28,136.00.

The Board authorized the making of a contract with R. H. Beaumont Company for ash and coal handling equipment at their bid of \$9,200.00.

The Board authorized the making of a contract with the American Engineering Company for stokers and blowers at their bid of \$13,372.00.

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The following letter from Hon. George C. Peverley, Land Commissioner, was read and considered:

"LAND COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Annapolis, July 8, 1930

The Board of Public Works
Court of Appeals Building
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

For some reason, unknown to me, the walls in the Land Office in the Court of Appeals Building have never been finished. To me this is a reflection on the State, as the majority of the patrons of this office are out of the State people, who should carry away with them a feeling of artistic beauty of our chambers, as well as the wonderful collection of colonial

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records, unequalled in all of the United States.

The cost of painting on careful estimates will be \$287.50.

Our curtains are also in a dilapidated condition, and nine new curtains would add materially to the looks of our quarters.

As we have no funds to accomplish these improvements, am in hopes that your Honorable Board can find the wherewithal to come to my assistance.

Thanking you for any consideration in the matter, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George C. Peverley

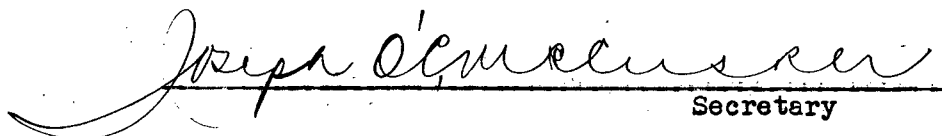
Land Commissioner."

The Board authorized the work covered by Senator Peverley's letter to be done, payment to be made out of the Board's contingent fund. The Secretary was directed to look after the details of having the work done.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles asking that he be authorized to charge off his books an item of \$30.00 charged to Former Sheriff Anthony Harvey of Allegany County, and an item of \$10.00 charged to Henry R. Lewis, Justice of the Peace, Denton, Maryland, these items having been found uncollectable by investigation made by the Commissioner's Department. The Board authorized the charging off of these items by the Commissioner.

The Secretary took up with the Board the inquiry received from the Baltimore Steam Packet Company in connection with the use of Pier 8, Light Street, Baltimore, which is owned by the State. It appears that this Pier, which is under lease to the Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railway Company, is not being used by that company at this time and that it probably is the intention of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which controls the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, to relinquish the property at the expiration of the present term. The Baltimore Steam Packet Company wants the opportunity to make a lease with the State for the use of the Pier if the Pennsylvania Railroad Company intends to discontinue the use of the Pier. Mr. Dennis stated he had been in touch with Mr. George W. Smith, General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, about this matter and requested that nothing be done until after Mr. Smith had an opportunity to look into it and consult further with him. The Board agreed to Mr. Dennis' request.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary

* The recommendations mentioned were later turned over to the Governor and he, the Comptroller and the Treasurer approved them and authorized the awarding of contract to the Northeastern Piping and Construction Co. (The papers are filed in the U. of M. folder.)